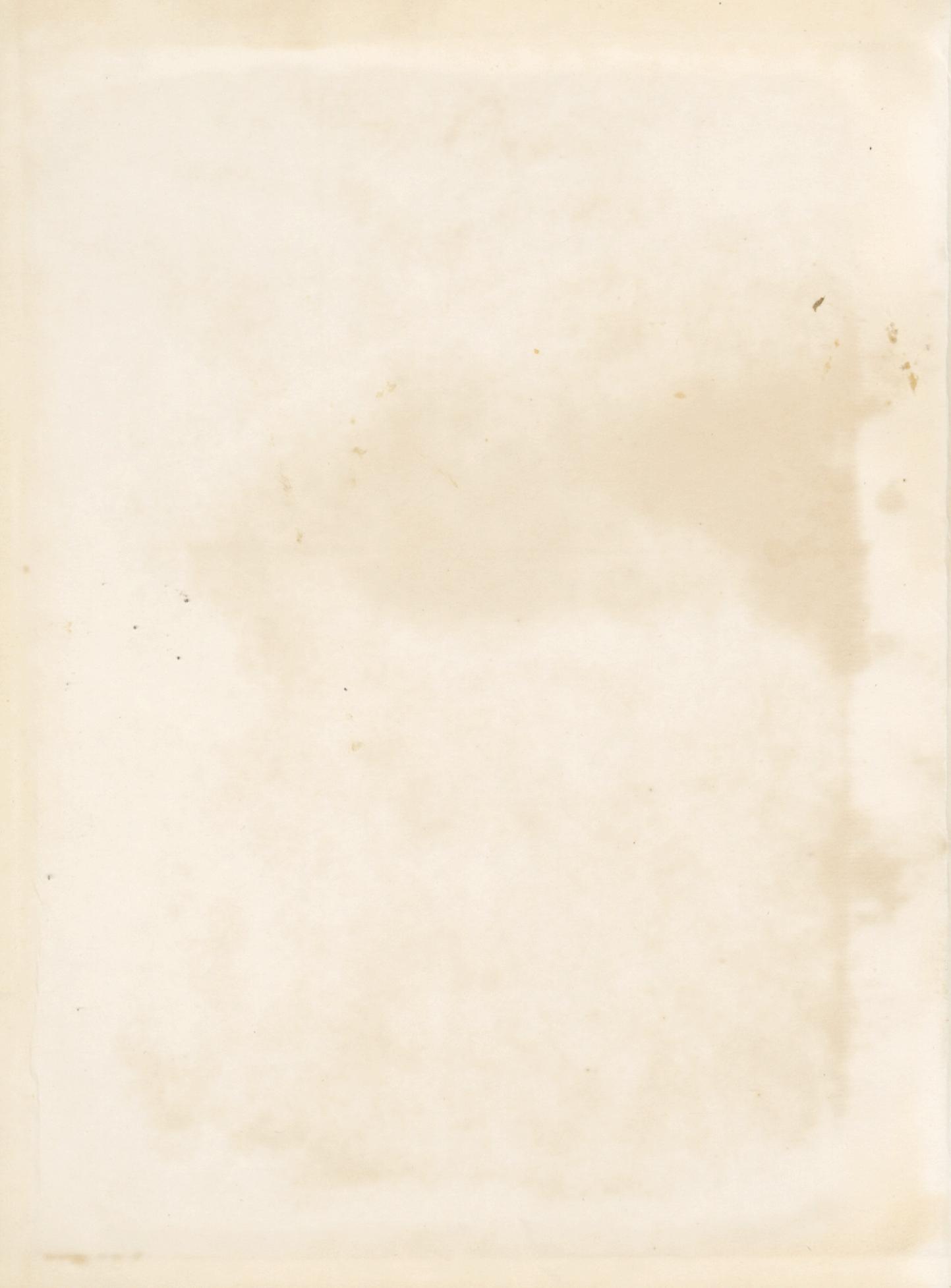


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MAROA GRADE



Owner Dee Smith



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Calmnistration



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Left to right: Virgil C. Smith, R. D. Bolen, W. A. McGuire,  
William F. Berry, Pres.; Bert McCool, Norman  
Ferrill, Paul Malone.



**W. D. KEYES, JR.**

**Superintendent of Schools  
Maroa Community Unit**



MILO W. DEIBERT

Elementary Supervisor, Maroa Unit Schools  
Principal, Maroa Grade School

*Faculty*



PAULINE VANCE  
First Grade



LUCILLE EAGLER  
First Grade

ESTHER HARMON  
Second Grade



JEAN SMITH  
Second Grade





BLANCHE ATKINS  
Third Grade



EDNA ROGERS  
Third Grade

CATHERINE COVEY  
Fourth Grade

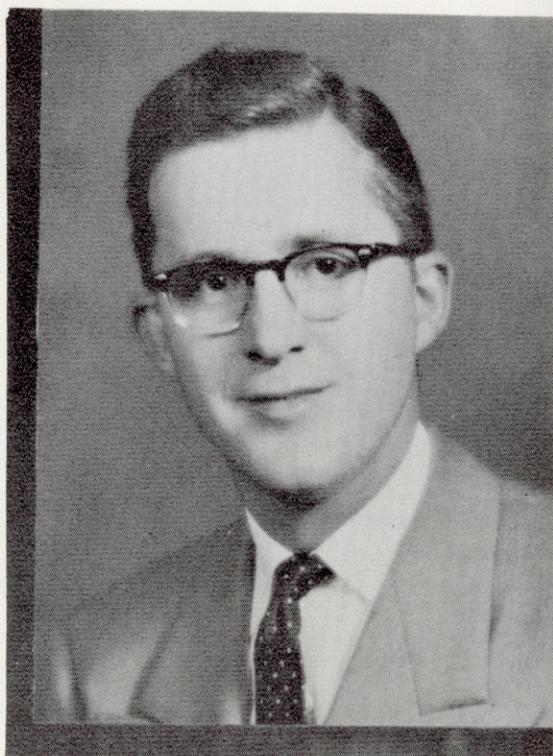


DESSIE BODAMER  
Fourth and Fifth Grade





MARION WRIGHT  
Fifth Grade

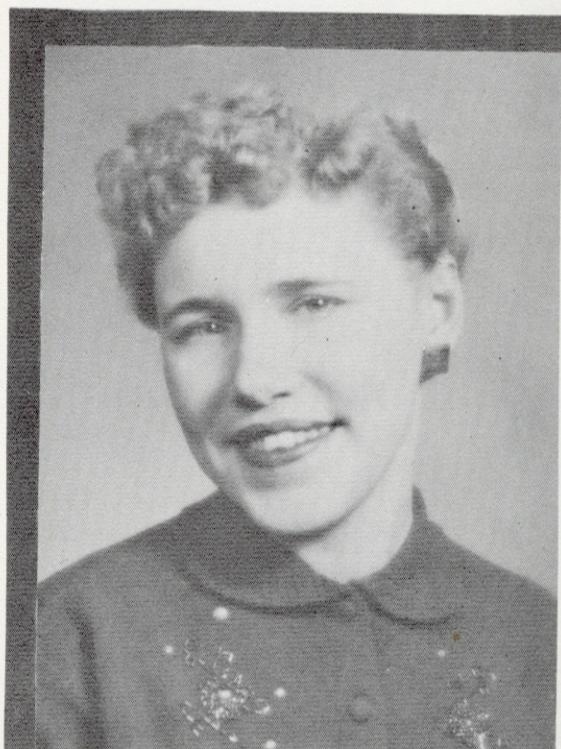


ORMAND LEFEVER  
Sixth Grade

SIBYL STORY  
Sixth Grade



JANE WESSELS  
Seventh Grade





DOROTHY GILPIN  
Seventh Grade



RICHARD FASSETT  
Eighth Grade



DAVE CATLIN  
Eighth Grade

MARJORY PARKER  
Girls' P.E., 5-8  
Boys' & Girls' P.E., 1-4





RUTH BENNETT  
*Art*



DORIS DOTSON  
*Vocal Music*



ARTHUR SMITH  
*Band*



EMILY ROHRSCHEIB  
*Secretary*



Graduating Class

Chalcraft, Judy: Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; Easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

Cooper, Robert: A thing that nobody believes cannot be proved too often.

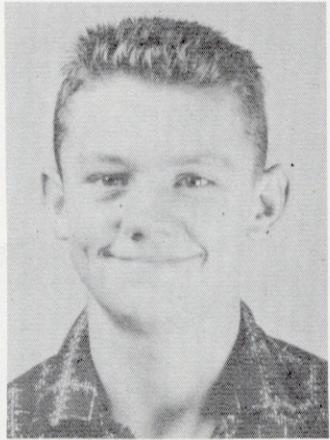
Dickey, Gwen: A true friend is one who knows you well and likes you anyway.

Doak, Robert: The waste of plenty is the resource of scarcity.

Fore, Bill: Every man is like the company he is wont to keep.

Gaither, Tom: Joy rises in me like a summer's morn.

Glenn, Charles: It is not wise to be wiser than is necessary.





Allsup, Judy: All things I thought I knew; but now confess,  
The more I know I know, I know the less.



Altic, David: Wisdom is better than rubies.

Bennett, Richard: Every man has his gift, and the tools go to him that can use them.

Birge, Tom: He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Brelsfoard, Barbara: A good mind possesses a kingdom.

Brown, Alfred Joe: My thoughts and I were of another world.

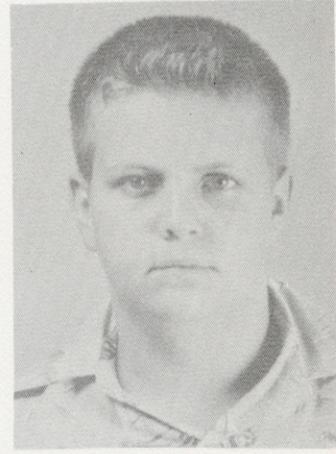
Bush, Dick: What is mind - never matter-  
What is matter - never mind.



**James, Priscilla:** Inject a few raisins of conversation into the tasteless dough of existence.



**Lockwood, Howard:** All men command patience, although few be willing to practice it.



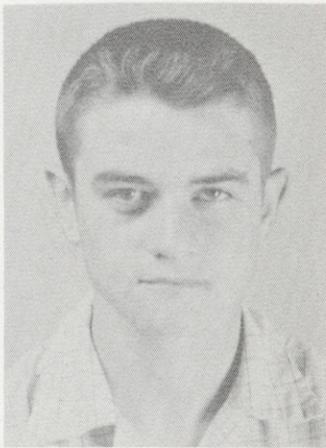
**Malone, Laverne:** I think, therefore, I am.

**Margenthaler, Connie:** My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there.

**Merrifield, Carol:** I am a part of all that I have met.

**Miller, Karen:** It is better to wear out than rust out.

**Newell, Shirley:** The ancestor of every action is a thought.





Hicks, Larry: O this learning, what a thing it is!

Hanks, Roy: Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds.

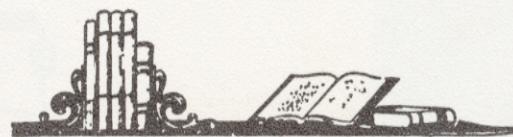
Hartleroad, Julia: Aristippus said that a wise man's country was the world.

Hedgpeth, J. R.: Wonder is the feeling of a philosopher and philosophy begins in wonder.

Heinz, Richard: Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.

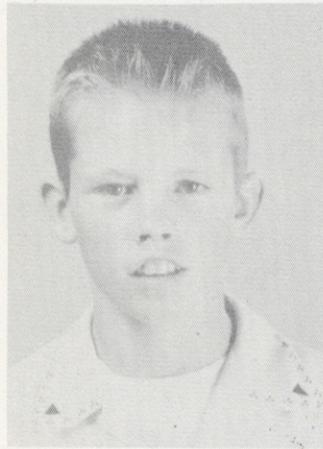
Hess, Ronald: A light heart lives long.

Hughes, Rodger: The wise man must be wise before not after the event.





Nicol, Sheldon: And still they gazed  
And still the wonder grew,  
That one small head  
Should carry all he knew.



Odle, Junior: Impossible is a word I never use.

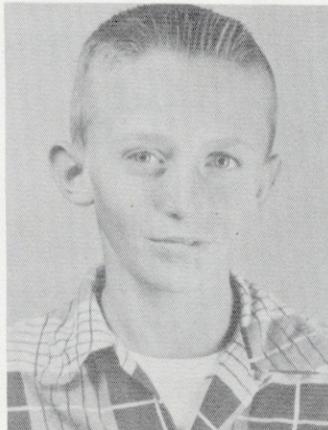
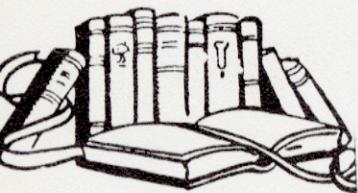


Pennypacker, Karla: Many shall run to and fro,  
And knowledge shall be  
increased.

Qualls, Judy: The only way to have a friend  
is to be one.

Rodgers, Lynn: They also serve who only stand  
and wait.

Stinson, Betty: A good mind possesses a kingdom.



Tapp, Sharon: Day unto day uttereth speech and  
night unto night showeth knowldege.



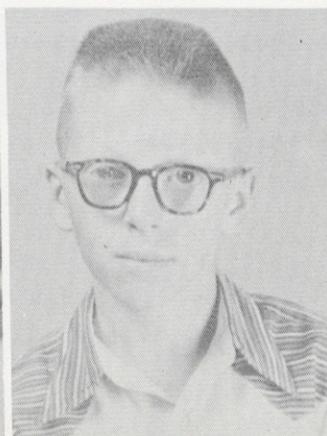
Terrell, Ronnie: The world knows nothing of its  
greatest men.

Thrall, Diana: As gentle as a zephyr blowing  
below the violet.

Wikoff, Ronnie: Great is truth and it prevails.

Williams, Joanne: Consistency's a jewel.

Windlan, Carol: By constant dripping a drop of  
water hollows out a rock.





The background of the image is a black and white photograph of several bare tree trunks and branches silhouetted against a bright, overexposed sky. The branches are intricate and crisscrossed, creating a complex pattern of light and dark shapes.

Seventh Grade



Roy  
Allsup



Gary  
Archey



Robert  
Birge



Stoy  
Bliss



Janet  
Bolton



Tina  
Boyd ✓



Sharon  
Boyer



Ronald  
Brown



Sharon  
Bush



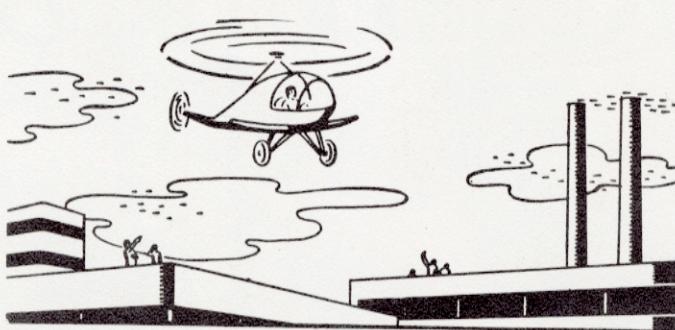
Ardella  
Clifton



Dean  
Cole



Loretta  
Cooper





Janet  
Marshall



Carol  
Martin



Claudia  
Moberly



Lloyd  
Murphy



John  
Parker



Beverly  
Pulliam



Robert  
Richardson



LaVon  
Riley



Connie  
Sinkosky



Suzanne  
Spreckelmeyer



Dorothea  
Streich



Pauline  
Ward



Betty  
Westerman



Juanita  
Williams



Richard  
Wilson



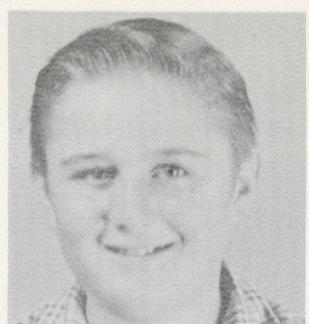
Carolyn  
Wright



Lavina  
Fathauer



Melvin  
Feathers



Eddie  
Fore



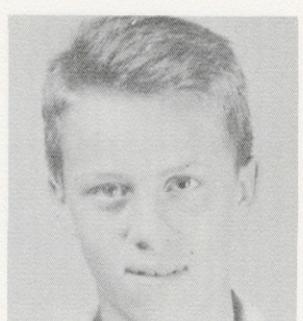
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Fultz



David  
Garren



Carol  
Glenn



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Groves



Tom  
Hedgpeth



Betty  
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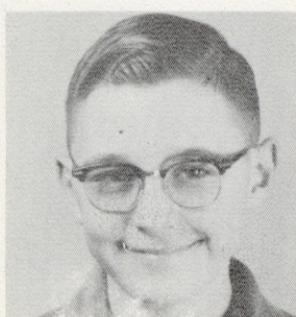
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Hinkle



David  
Hoffman



Robert  
Howell



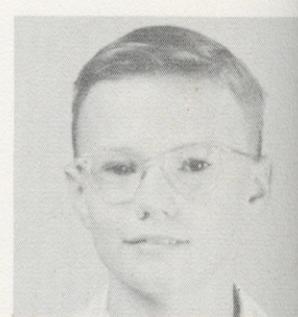
David  
Lemons



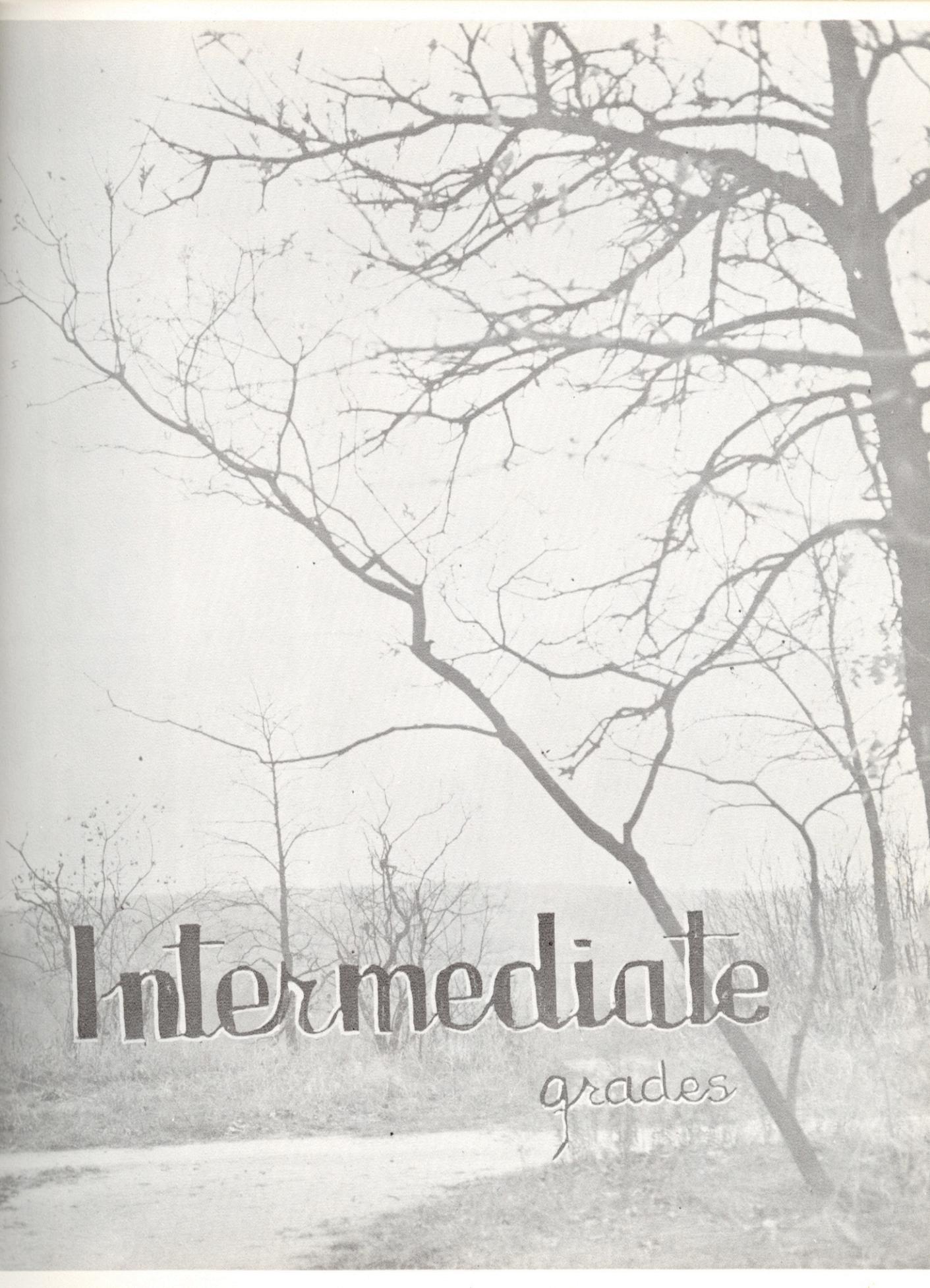
William  
Leimbach



Susan  
McGuire



Alan  
Marsh



A black and white photograph showing the intricate, branching structure of bare tree limbs against a bright, overexposed sky. The branches are dark and silhouetted, creating a complex web of lines across the upper half of the frame. In the lower portion, a few small, leafless trees stand in a field of tall grass or brush.

# Intermediate

grades

## Sixth Grade



Catherine Crabtree



Sally Shambaugh



Linda Dash



Sandra Pense



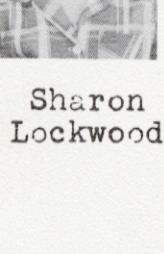
Beverly Brady



Sharon Lockwood



Emelia DeCicco



Morris Buttrum



Edward Hensley



Robert Stalker



Bradley Lienhart



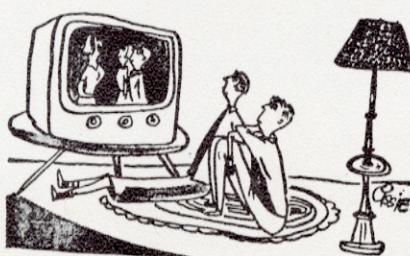
Carol Jean  
Stoutenborough



Douglas  
Stoutenborough



Roger  
Myers



Edwin  
Miller



Lewis  
Rooker



Janet  
Boyer



Judith  
Woodside



John Hanks



Richard  
Brelsfoard



Barbara  
Austin



James  
Conyers



Linda  
Dean



David  
Earles



Jimmy  
Eaton



Carol Ann  
Foulke



Susan  
Grindol

SIXTH



MR. LEFEVER

—o—  
Teacher  
—o—

GRADE



Charles  
Harrington



Carol Sue  
Hartleroad



Janice  
Hicks



Patricia Rose  
Himes



Richard  
Hoffman



Richard  
Hunt



Glenda  
Newell



Elston  
Mitchell



Jerry Lee  
Odle



Mary Beth  
Preston



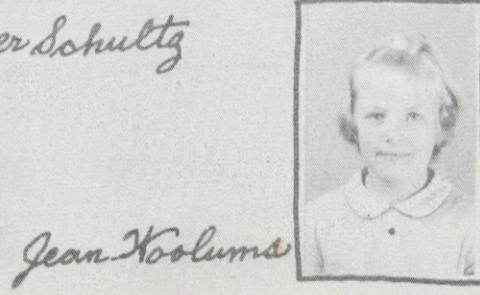
Betty Jane  
Reinyon



Wayne Runyan



Roger Schultz



Jean Koolums



Marla Kay  
Atchison



Charles  
Bliss



Mary Ann  
Bolton



Grade



Larry  
Creason



Linda  
Catlin



Suzan  
Boyd



Jack  
DeClerk



Rose  
Garren



Paul  
Groves



Carlone  
Grubbs



Virgil  
Hanks



Nancy  
Harrington



Gary  
Schroll



Martha  
Hunt



Robert  
Mathews



## Fifth Grade



Ann  
Leimbach



Michael  
Stanton



Dee  
Smith



Jack  
Thrall



Linda  
Sprague



Ted  
Thompson



Cheryl  
Spreckelmeyer



John  
Ward



Carole  
Wattles



Walter  
Williams



Wynette  
Wikoff



Gary  
Amberg

## Grade 4



Trevor  
Leach



Sandra  
Tapp



Cheryl  
Hitchens



Michael  
Woodside



Sally Jo  
Marsh



Nancy  
Doolen



Donna  
Miller



Linda  
Hartleroad



Lorna  
Stevens



Lloyd  
Buttrum



David  
Trimmer



Linda  
Murphy



Mary  
Hensley



## Grade 5

Miss  
Bodamer



Melanie  
McGuire



Darrell  
Altic



Sharon  
Fore



Janet  
Parker



Charles  
Ohlemeyer



Richard  
Garren



Carolyn  
Birge



Donna  
Moberly



Paul  
Pulliam



Patricia  
Arnold



Max  
Heinz, Jr



Dixie  
Smith



Ronnie  
Margenthaler



Diane  
Hanes



Roger  
Mitchell



Janice  
Windlan



Leonard  
Hoffman



Rachel  
Morgan



William  
Hamilton



Wanda  
Clifton



John  
Mathews



Marilyn  
Liming



Ella Sue  
Biggers



Eldon  
Newell

F  
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Loran  
Fultz

G  
R  
A  
D  
E



Jane  
Chalcraft



Stephen  
Kinkaid



Billy  
Woodside



Elizabeth  
Archer



David  
Uhrich



Cynthia  
Heinz



Arthur  
Michaels



Lela  
Grissom



Richard  
Grubbs



Lynette  
Halicki



Perry  
Clark



Mary Ruth  
Manks



Gary  
Beck



Patty  
Margenthaler





# Primary Grades

# T H I R D



Stephen  
Braden



Linda  
Buttrum



Robert  
Caplinger



Larry  
Carder



James  
Catlin



Gary  
Clark



Betty  
Conyers



Terry  
Creason



Laura  
Forehand



Letna  
Grissom



Robert  
Hinkle



Stephen  
Johnson



Kathy  
Loftus



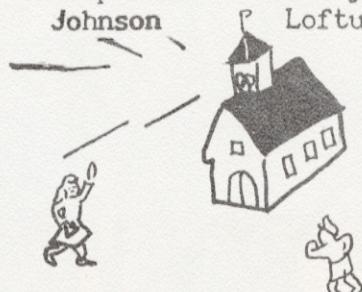
Lynn  
Myers



Loretta  
Norton



Dana  
Peck



Terry  
Rainey



Selene  
Shaw



Stephen  
Stanton



Stephanie  
Terrell



Glenda  
Thomas



Quwonna  
Thompson



Lynda  
Tozer



Carol  
Walters



Stephen  
Ward



Roger  
Williams

# G R A D E



Wilbert Brown Tanya Greeson

John Berry

Sharon Weikle

Joe Eaton

Carol Nelson



Jackie Tuttle Connie Schroll

Sue Wilson

Lana Rush

Linda Glenn

Robert Dean



Michael Stevens Roy Stacey

James Mathews Rebecca Martin Virgil Evans Bobby Crouch



# GRADE 3

Michael  
Bennett

Donna Jean  
Dial



Sherri Lee  
Sullivan



Steven  
Halicki



Stephen  
Thrall



Gary  
Brelsfoard



Carolyn  
Harrington



William  
Thompson

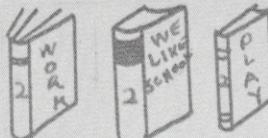


Danny  
McCormick



SECOND GRADE

# SEPTEMBER 1955



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				Caroline Barnett	Kirk Biggs	Carolyn Christman
Patricia Estes	Don Greves	Karen Groves	Sharen Groves	Meredith Hall	Chester Harrington	Steve Jackson
Sharon James	Tony Keyes	Beverly Leach	Dennis Lienhart	Gerald Lienhart	William McGuire	Danny Marsh
James De Cicco	Bethel Mathews	Larry Murphy	Chester Ohlemeyer	Linda Porter	Laura Kay Reed	Danny Schick
Henry Simpson	Connie Stone	Mrs. Harmon	WE LIKE TO READ	WE LIKE TO SPELL	WE LIKE MUSIC	WE LIKE ART

## weather notes

For a rainy day - Let a smile be your umbrella.

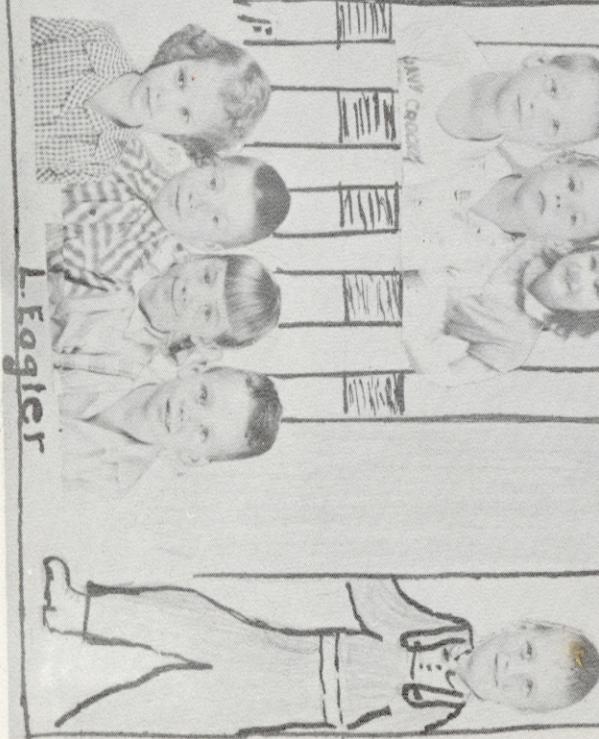


For any day - Open up your heart and let the sunshine in.



FIRST

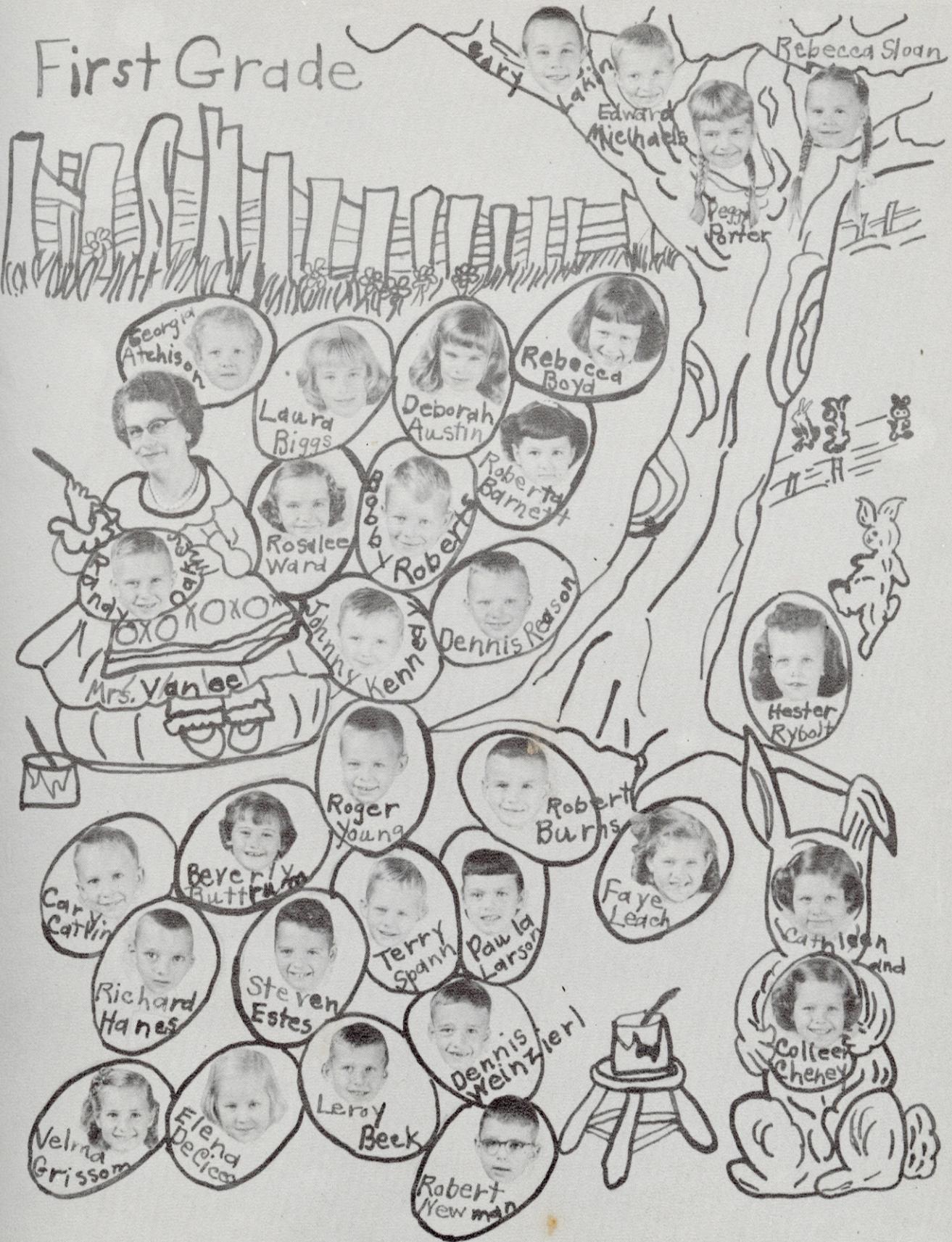
Grade



ANY OCCUPATION



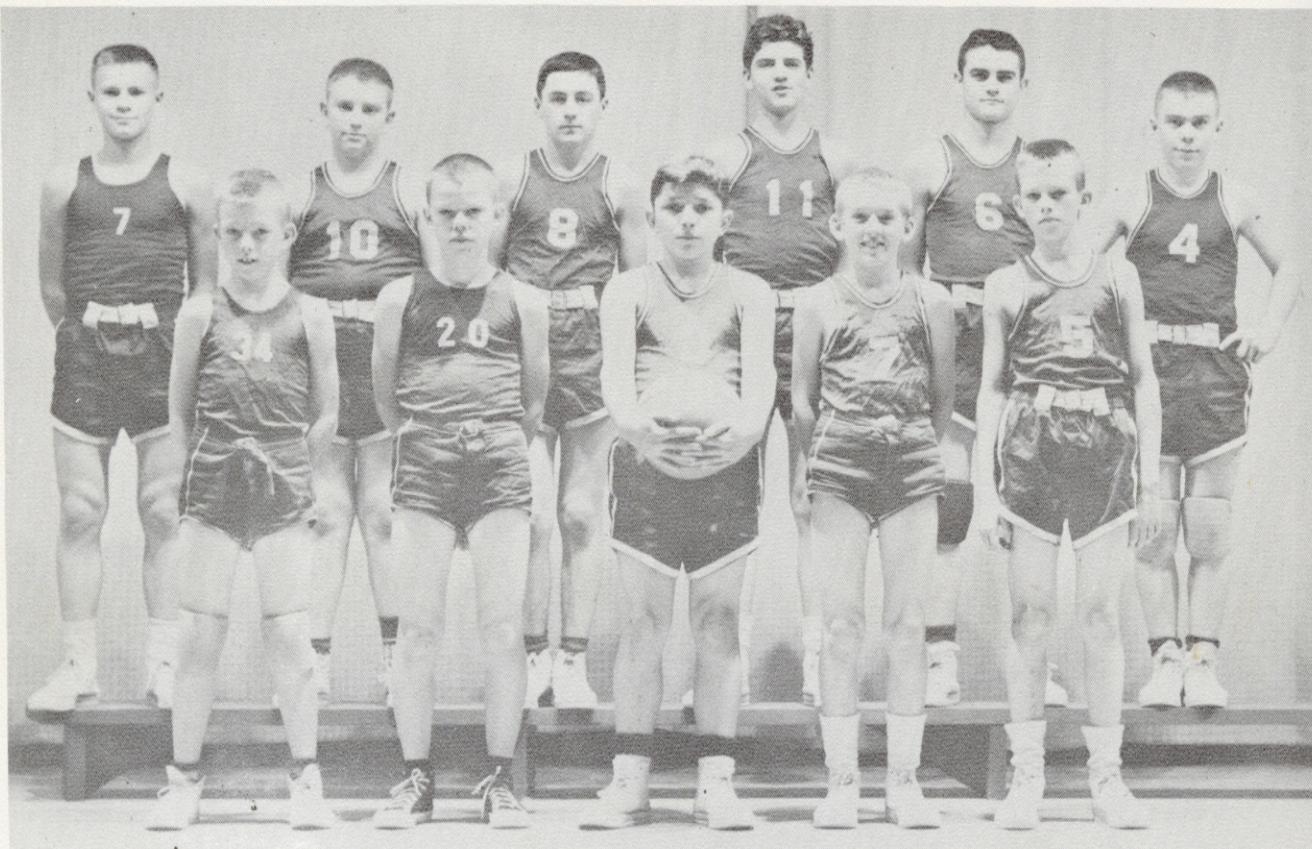
# First Grade





A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of bare tree branches against a very bright, overexposed sky. The branches are intricate and crisscrossed, creating a complex pattern. In the foreground, the dark trunks and lower branches of trees are visible. The overall composition is minimalist and atmospheric.

# Sports



### *"A" Team*

Front Row: Elston Mitchell, Robert Richardson, Richard Bennett, Rodger Hughes, Junior Odle.

Back Row: Lloyd Murphy, Robert Doak, J. R. Hedgpeth, Charles Glenn, Laverne Malone, Ronnie Terrell.

### BASKETBALL GAMES

Forsyth	Here	Nov.	9	Lost
Macon	There	Nov.	14	Won
Mt. Zion	Here	Nov.	30	Won
Niantic	There	Dec.	5	Won
Argenta	Here	Dec.	8	Lost
Latham	There	Jan.	5	Won
Blue Mound	Here	Jan.	16	Lost
Boody	Here	Feb.	6	Won



## **"B" Team**

Center Front: Jerry Odle

Front Row: Ronnie Wikoff, Charles Ohlemeyer, James Eaton, Roy Allsup,  
Ronald Brown, Gary Archey, Jack Thrall, Virgil Hanks,  
Larry Creason, Robert Richardson,

Back Row: Robert Richardson, John Parker, Ronald Hess, Roy Groves,  
Thomas Hedgpeth, Bradley Lienhart, Roger Schultz, Elston  
Mitchell, Stoy Bliss, Manager.





### CHEERLEADERS

Diana Thrall, Lavina Fathauer, Susan McGuire,  
Judy Chalcraft, Judy Allsup, Tina Boyd.





## Physical Education Classes





A black and white photograph of a dense forest of bare trees, likely birches, standing in a field under a bright sky. The trees are tall and thin, their branches reaching out in various directions. The ground in the foreground is a light-colored, possibly sandy or gravelly soil. The sky is bright and clear, providing a stark contrast to the dark trunks of the trees.

# Organizations



#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Standing: Ronnie Wikoff, Junior Odle, Mr. Fassett, Lloyd Murphy, Lavina Fathauer.

Seated: Judy Allsup, Connie Sinkosky, Ronnie Terrell, David Lemons, Carol Merrifield, Judy Chalcraft, Connie Margenthaler, Sharon Boyer.

On December 8, 1955, the student body of Maroa Junior High School ratified by a vote of 77 to 3, thus satisfying a 3/4 majority ratification clause, a proposed constitution drawn up by a student committee.

The student council consists of four officers and two homeroom representatives from each homeroom in the Junior High. The student council officers this year include: Carol Ann Merrifield, president; Judy Chalcraft, vice president; David Lemons, secretary; Ronnie Terrell, treasurer. Homeroom representatives include: Connie Margenthaler, Ronnie Wikoff, Judy Allsup, and Junior Odle from the two eighth grade rooms; and Connie Sinkosky, Sharon Boyer, Lavina Fathauer, and Lloyd Murphy from the seventh grade rooms. Mr. Fassett is sponsor.

The object of the Student Council shall be to promote school interests and activities, to share the responsibility necessary to make the school a success and to acquire a knowledge of and practice in self-government. In obtaining the above objectives it is necessary for the Student Council to raise funds and in this connection they are operating a candy and ice cream concession at all home basketball games. The council also sponsors parties.

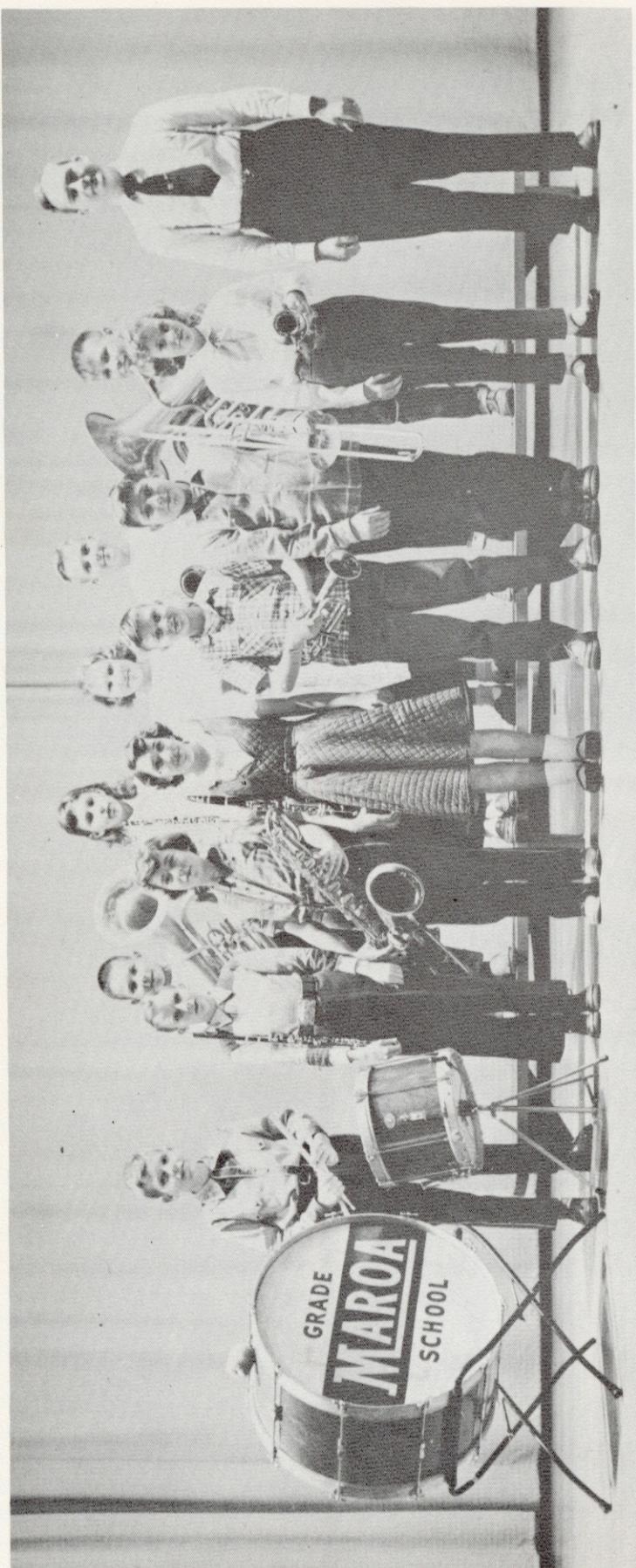


## **Safety Patrol**

**Back Row:** Mr. Fassett, Sponsor; David Altic, Robert Birge,  
Melvin Feathers, Thomas Birge, David Lemons, Captain;  
Richard Bennett.

**Front Row:** David Hoffman, Gary Archey, Billy Leimbach, Dean Cole,  
David Garren, Mr. Lefever; Co-sponsor.

The Maroa Grade School Safety Patrol is primarily a safety organization. We are a non-profit making organization and operate under the Chicago Motor Club. We have a wonderful sponsor and cooperative cadets. The duties of the cadets are to man corner posts to see that students are safe from oncoming cars. We take stair and hall duty to watch for students who violate good safety practices. Cadets help the supervising teachers during the noon period. We also man posts at our home basketball games and assist in taking tickets. In the spring all cadets in good standing attend a picnic put on by the Chicago Motor Club. Cadets also go to some outings. The funds come from the cloak room which cadets maintain at home basketball games. Occasionally on Saturdays all cadets attend a recreational play period. We are proud of our record. In our entire history we have had no serious accidents. However, we are not satisfied until our goal is reached; namely, to insure the safety of all.



## **"B" Band**

**Front Row:** Sheldon Nicol, Roger Myers, Sally Shambaugh, Carol Jean Stoutenborough, Roy Allsup, Richard Bennet, Ardella Clifton, Mr. Smith.

**Back Row:** Bobby Stalker, Gwen Dickey, Janet Boyer, Bradley Lienhart, Glenn Fultz.

The famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle, as long ago as 384 B.C. recognized the importance of music with this statement: "Since music has so much to do with molding of character, it is necessary that we teach it to our children."



## *"A" Band*

**First Row:**

Judy Chalcraft, Judy Allsup, Claudia Moberly, Roger Schuitz, Richard Brelsfoard, Susan McGuire, Gwen Dickey, Roger Myers, Sandra Pense, Barbara Brelsfoard.

**Second Row:**

Karen Miller, Connie Margenthaler, Loretta Cooper, Karla Pennypacker, David Garren, Laverne Malone.

**Third Row:**

Mary Ann Bolton, Dee Smith, Connie Sinkosky, Sheldon Nicol, Ronnie Wikoff, Sally Shambaugh, Lewis Rooker, Lavina Fathauer, Mr. Smith, Ardella Clifton, Sharon Boyer, Ronnie Terrell, Lloyd Murphy.

**Not Pictured:** Suzanne Sreckelmeyer



#### BEGINNERS' BAND

Front Row: Rachel Morgan, Ella Sue Biggers, Dixie Smith, Sharon Lockwood, Pat Himes, Trevor Leach, Jean Woolums, Melanie McGuire, Carol Merrifield.

Back Row: Linda Hartleroad, Stoy Bliss, Wynette Wikoff, Mr. Smith, Gary Amberg, Wanda Clifton, Lela Grissom, Richard Hoffman, Suzan Boyd, Larry Creason, Richard Grubbs.

#### WHY MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS?

"Why do we teach music in the schools?" In fact, why democratize music at all? Because participation and growing skill in music is a joyful and satisfying experience which lifts the individual to a higher level of satisfaction than is provided by most of life and therefore increases the sum total of human happiness.

Imagine you are watching a band perform on the stage and not hearing it. What do you see? You see a group of young people giving perfect concentration to their music; you are watching teamwork equivalent to any athletic organization; you are watching fingers of the clarinet players rolling much faster than the eye can probably see and much faster than the brain can think.

This split-second thinking is extremely valuable, as is the artist's concentration. Children can learn as much citizenship in the band as in any class in the school system. They are living it from day to day; and, after all, citizenship is merely doing the right thing at the right time, and doing your share willingly and cheerfully. It is also a great character builder, for responsibility and character go hand in hand, and there is great responsibility always to the members of the organization with which they are working. A great genius of our time, the late Albert Einstein has this to say of the Arts:

"I have been occupied with music for forty or fifty years, and I can say to you that art is the best and most reliable friend you can acquire. You are never alone as long as you have art. The man who has not the experience of any kind of outlet in art is much more affected by pressure and suffering."

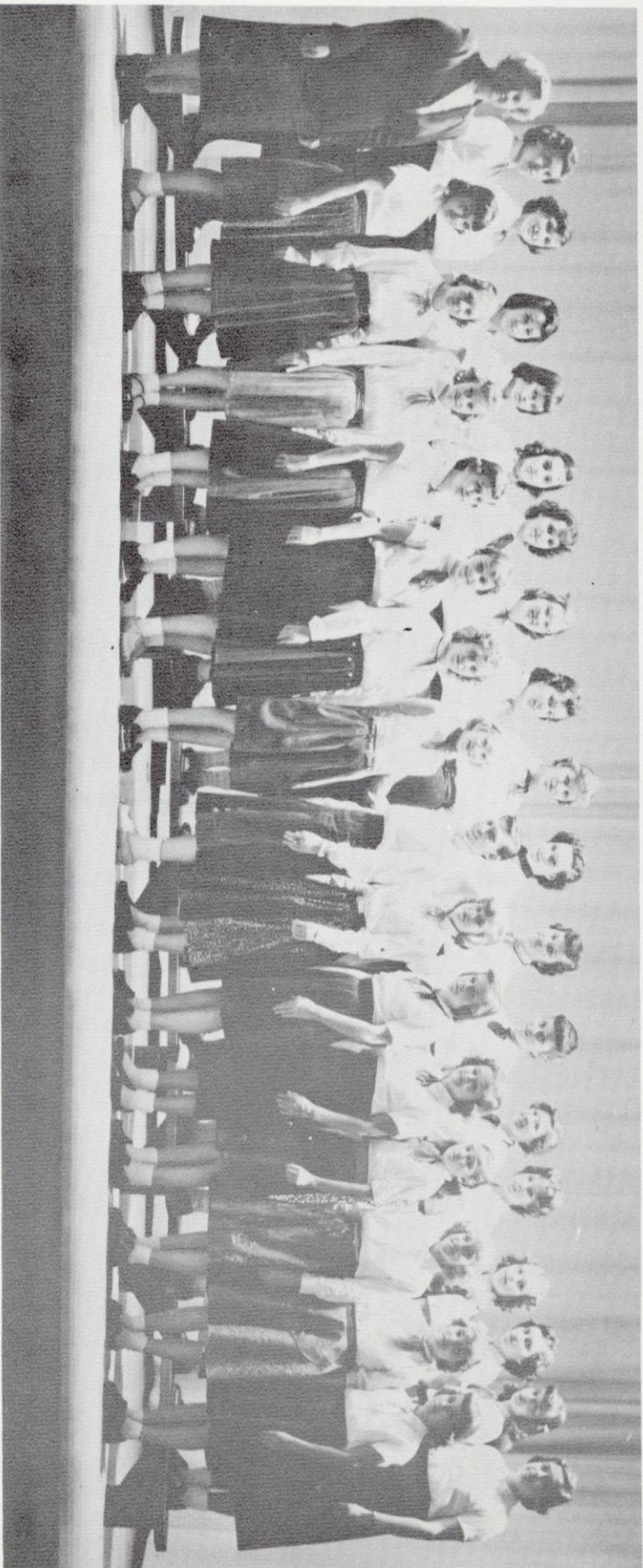
## *Girls' Glee Club*

**Front Row:**

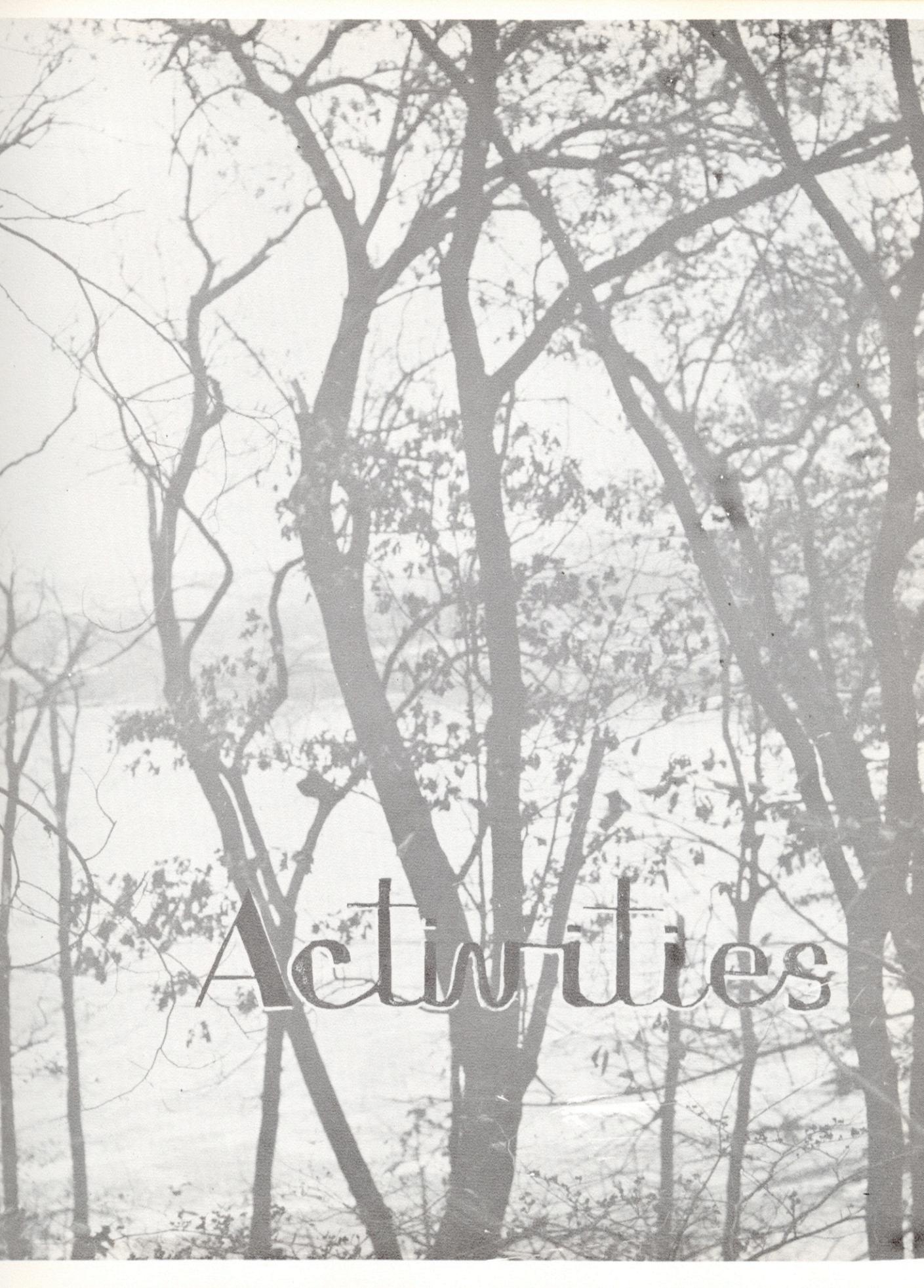
Mrs. Dotson, Judy Hinkle, Sharon Boyer, Ardella Clifton,  
Claudia Moberly, Tina Boyd, Connie Sinkosky, Susan McGuire,  
Karen Miller, Carolyn Wright, Janet Bolton, Barbara  
Brelsfoard, Diana Thrall, Lavina Fathauer, Loretta Cooper,  
Janet Marshall.

**Back Row:**

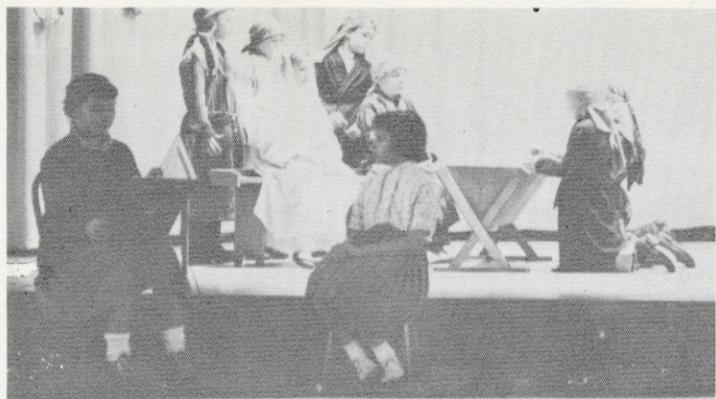
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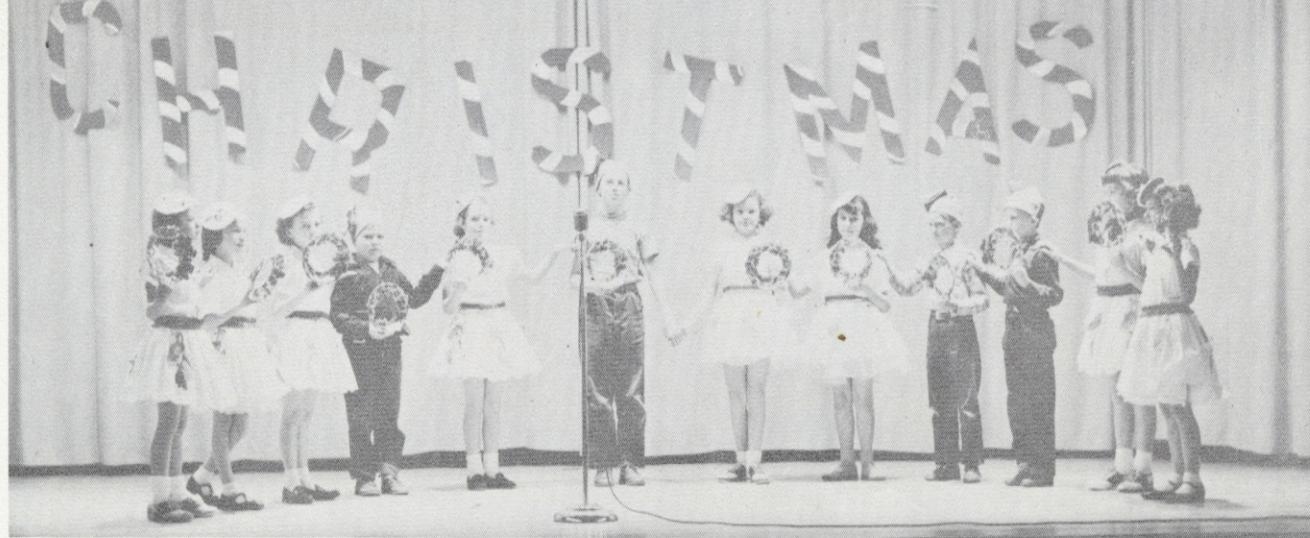
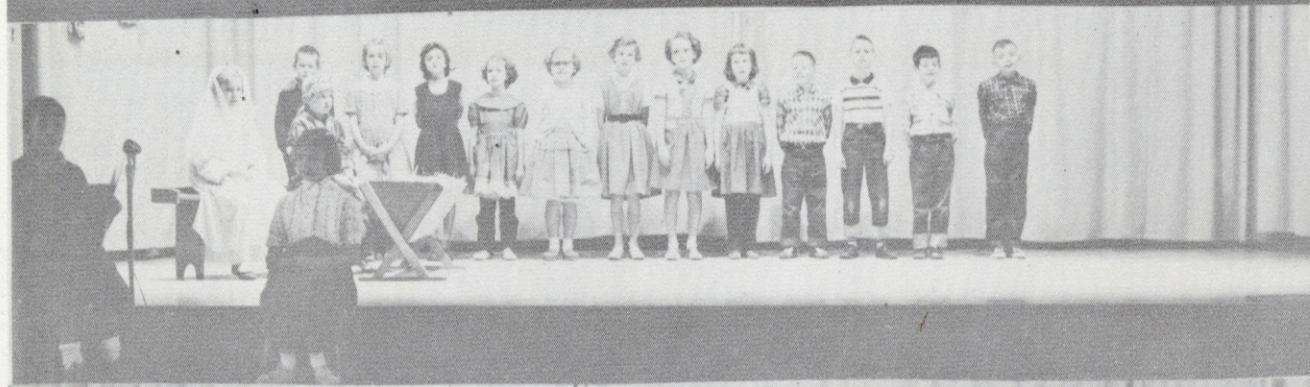
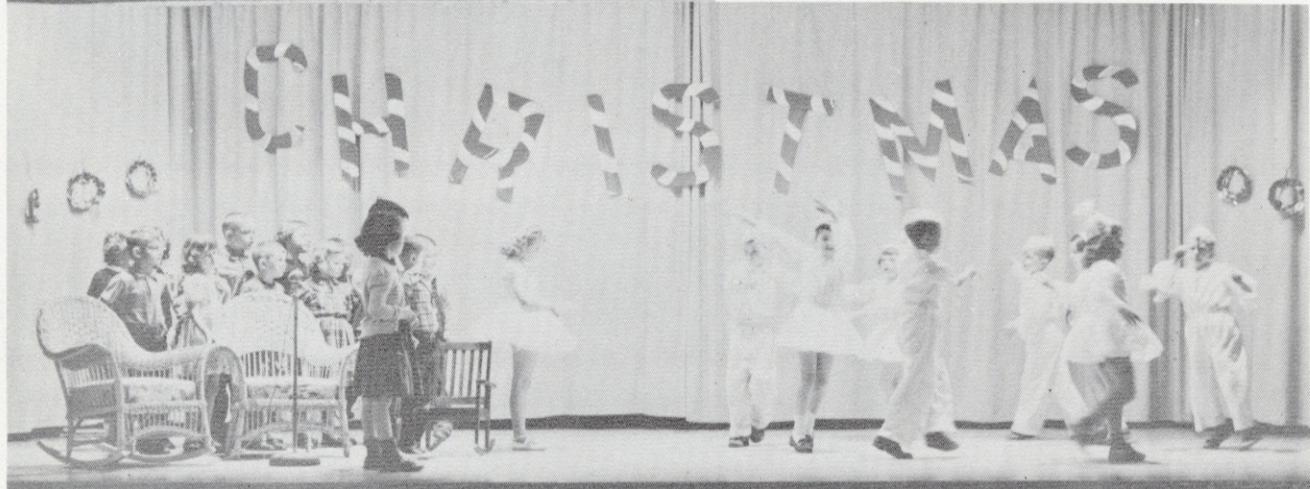


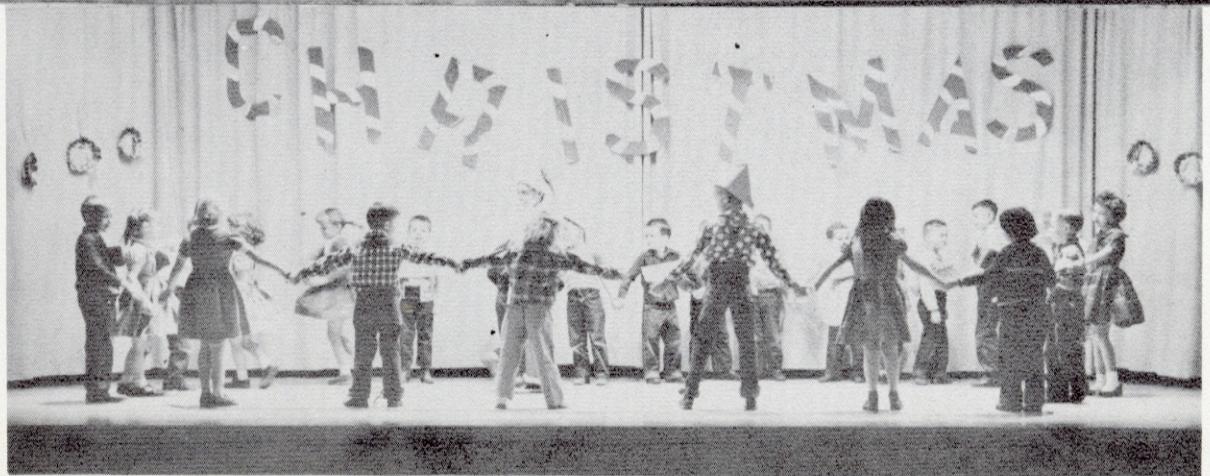
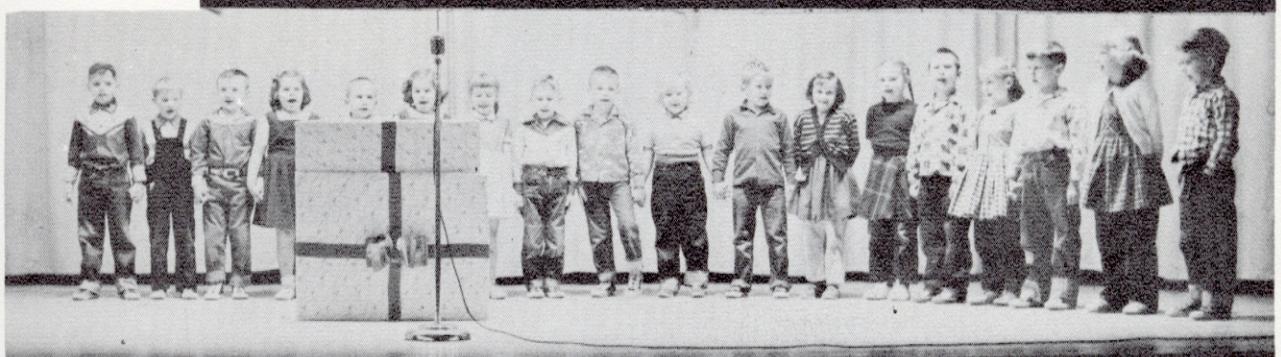
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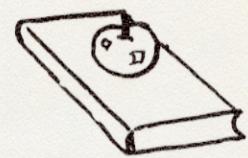


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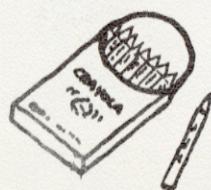
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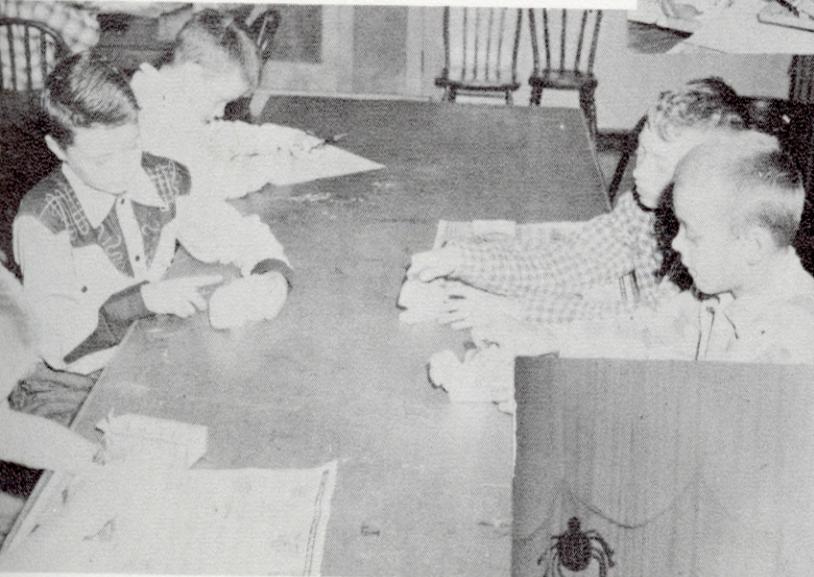


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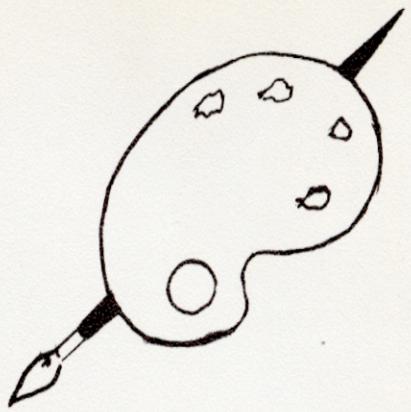
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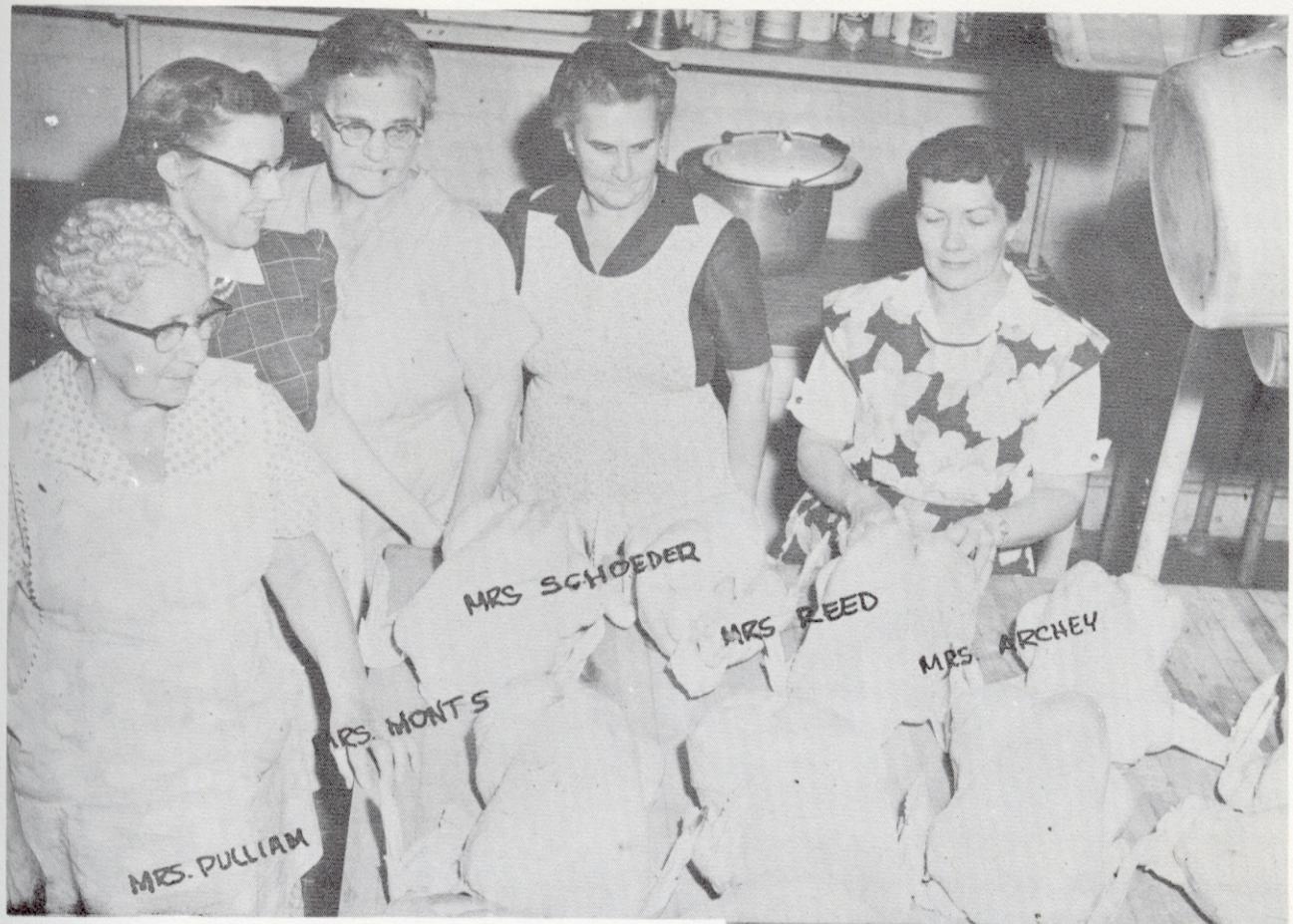
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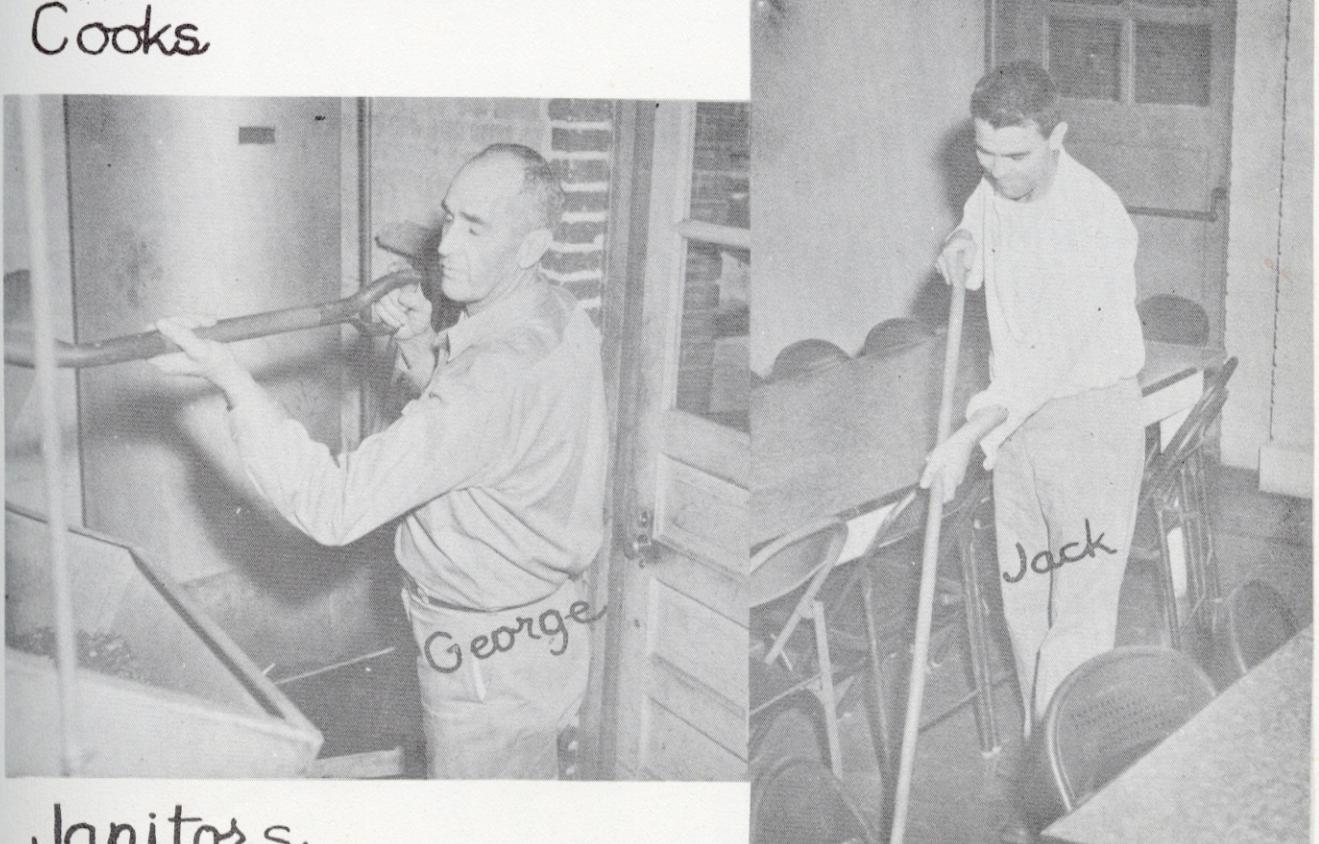


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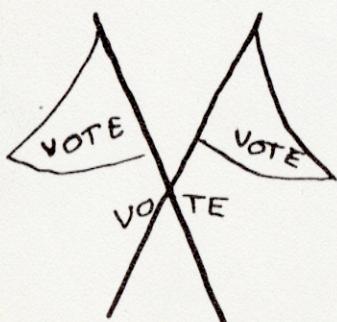
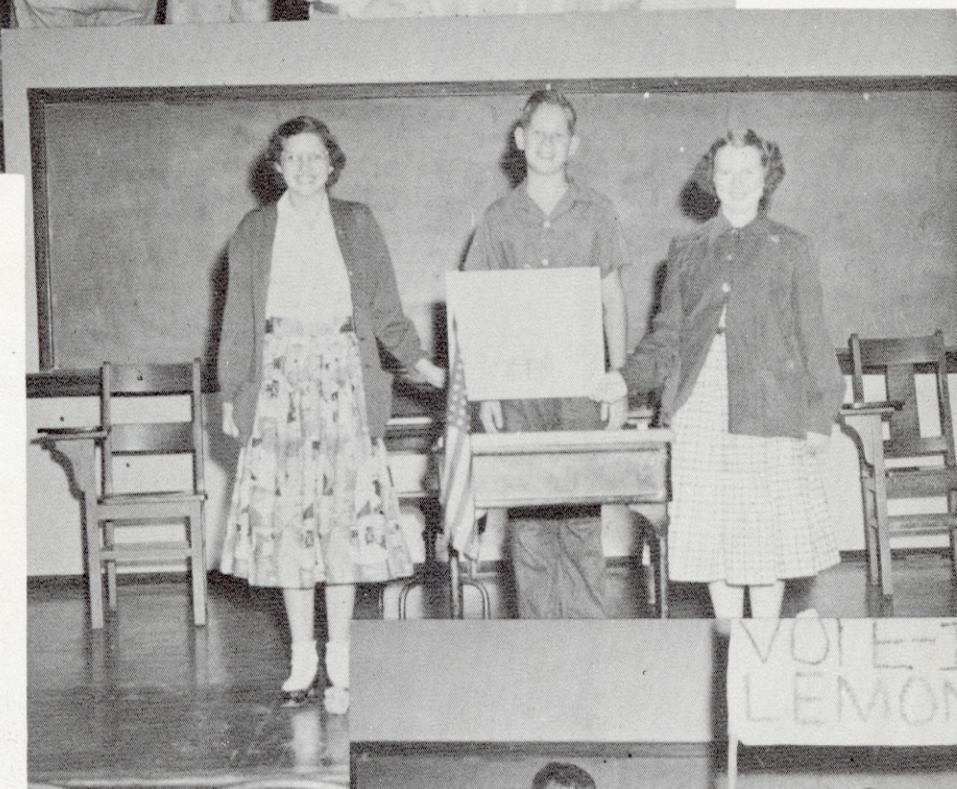
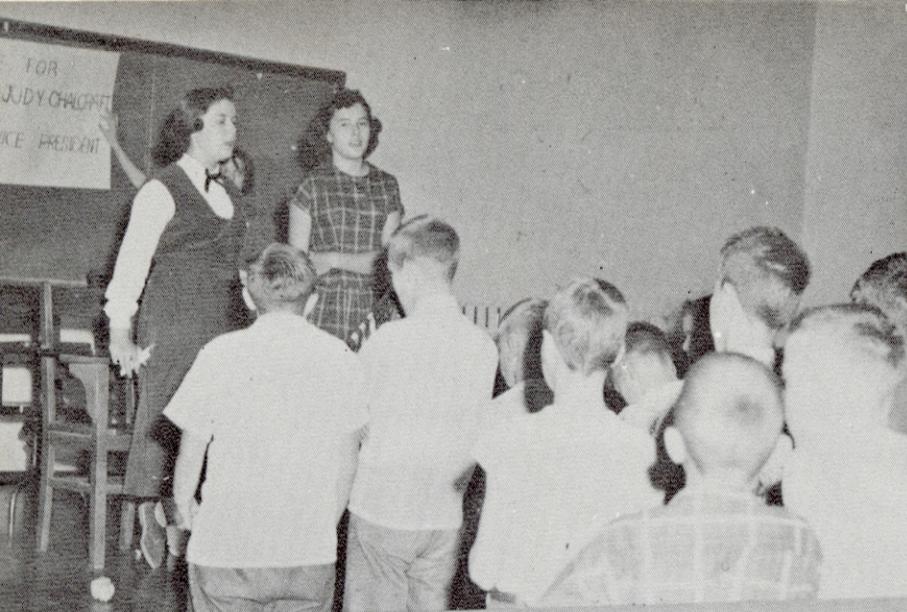


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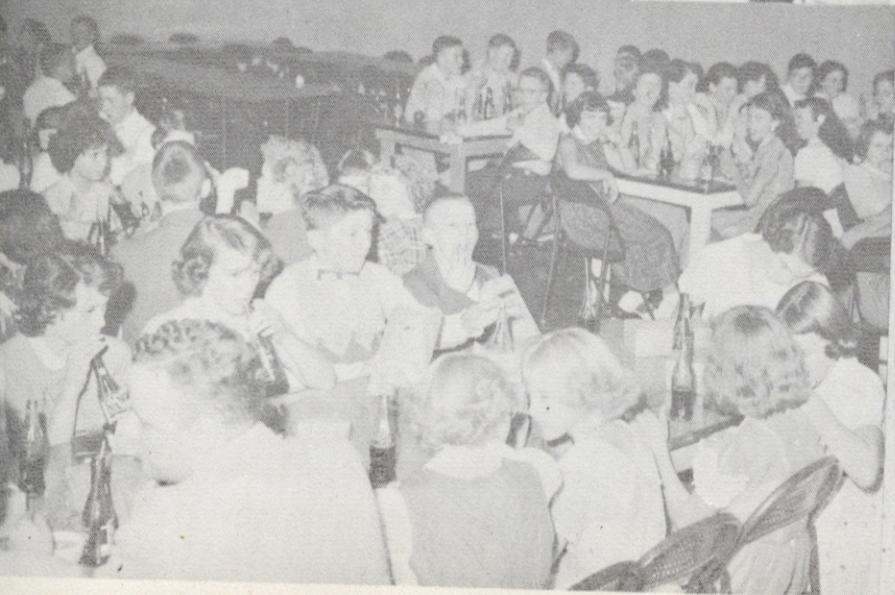
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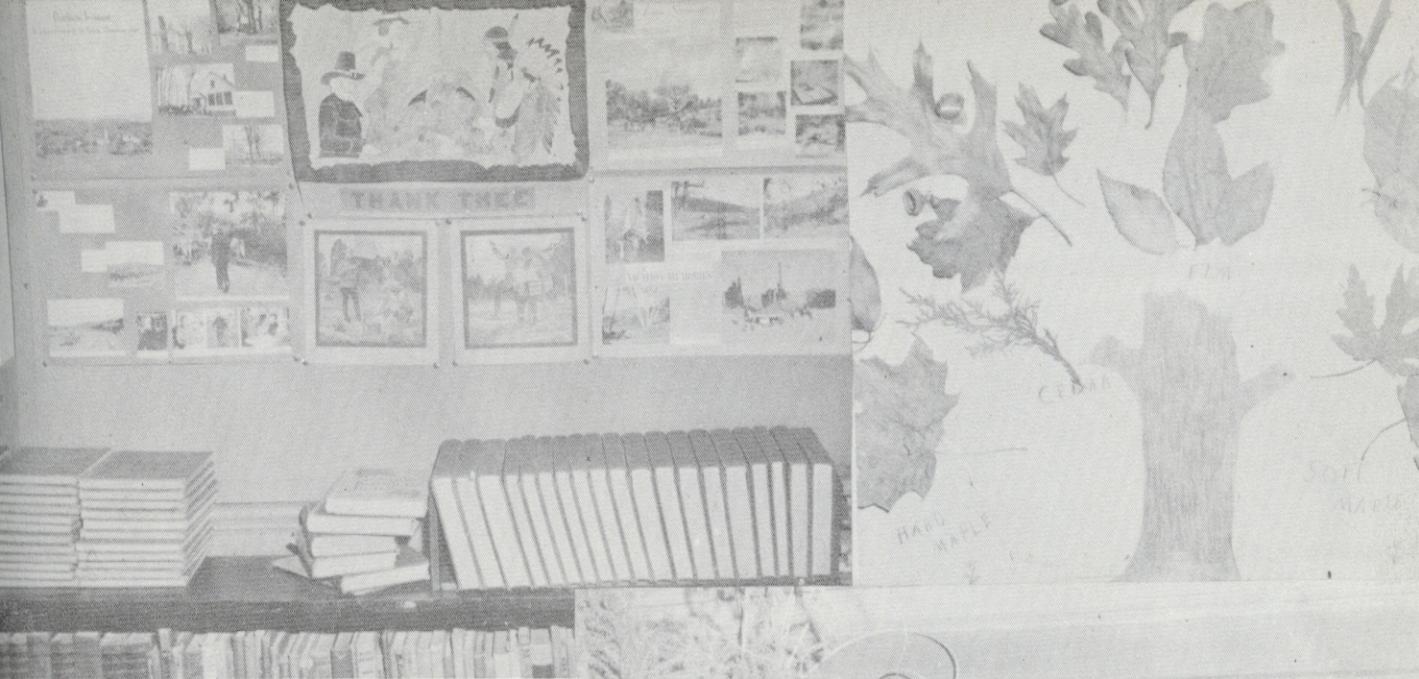
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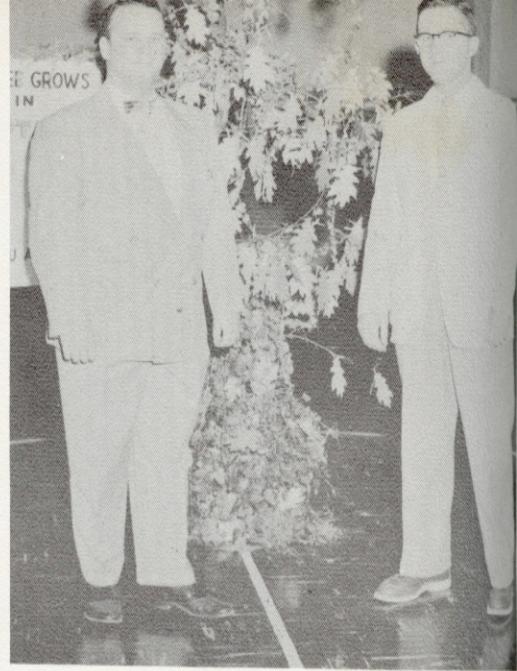
8th grade  
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## Exhibits





## Familiar Faces





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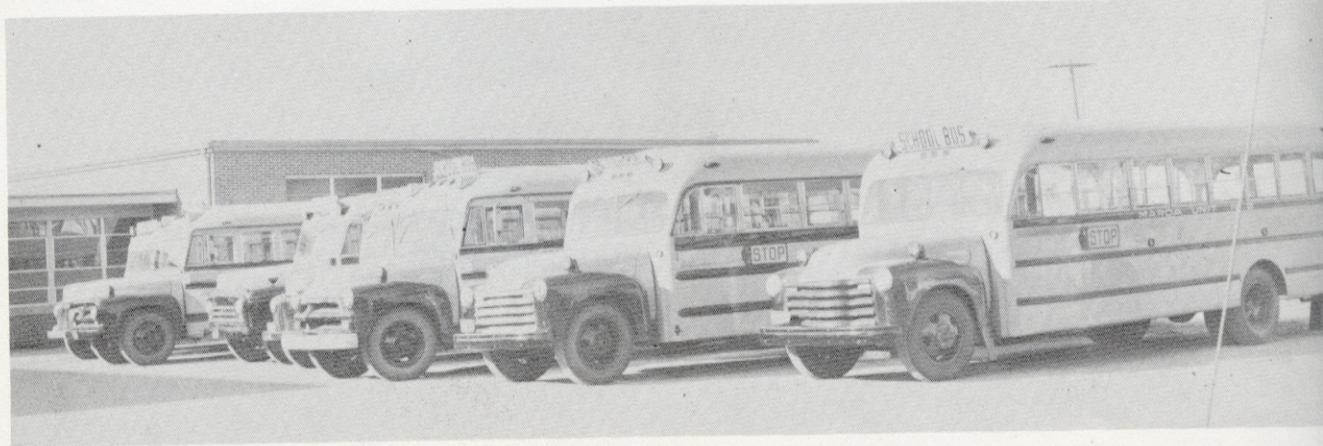
The Wisemen-----	Jimmy Mathews Bobby Dean Joey Eaton
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Carolers: Ella Sue Biggers, Lela Grissom, Richard Grubbs, Cynthia Heinz, Max Heinz, Patty Margenthaler, Ronnie Margenthaler, John Mathews, Roger Mitchell, Rachel Morgan, Dixie Smith, Lynette Halicki, Diane Hanes, Sandra Tapp, Donna Miller, Linda Hartleroad, Cheryl Hitchens.



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